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wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTOISBI29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____NOV ±2 2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____ TECH CENTER 1600/2900 b. X Enclosed i. X Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5117 TI/0872002 AWONDAF1 00000039 09076956 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 740.00 OP iii. X Other Any deficiency in fees b. X Check in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED MARGARET M. WALL 33.462 Name (Print /Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 11/04/02 Signature Date

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of January 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 104-107 without prejudice as to the subject matter contained therein. Please add the following claims:

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(New) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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